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1. BLS COUNTRIES COCNUR SELF-HELP FUNDS MAKE
IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND THAT ASSISTANCE USEFUL TOOL IN FOSTERING GOOD
WILL. BLS COUNTRIES HAVE SAME PROBLEM INFLATION AS
DESCRIBED BY VARIOUS OTHER COUNTRIES IN REPLIES TO
REFTEL. COST OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS HAS PROBABLY
INCREASED 20-30 PERCENT IN LAST TWO YEARS. STRONGLY
CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
BE MADE AVAILABLE FIRST QUARTER IF THIS IS POSSIBLE.
THIS WOULD HELP IN PLANNING FOR BEST PROJECTS. DO
NOT CONCUR THAT SMALL PROJECTS (SELF-HELP) NECESSARILY
CONTRIBUTE MORE TO ECONOMIC GROWTH PER DOLLAR
OF INPUT THAN LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ASSUMING
MAJOR AID PROGRAMS ARE WELL CONCEIVED AND
EFFECITVELY IMPLEMENTED.

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2. INCREASED ALLOTMENTS FOR FY 74 HAVE BEEN
UTILIZED EFFECTIVELY BY ALL BLS COUNTRIES.
ANOTHER INCREASE IN FY 75 SELF-HELP FUND IS
REQUESTED FOR LESOTHO. BELIEVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT
AND ABSORPTIVE CAPACITIES DICTATE THAT FY 74 FUNDING
LEVELS FOR BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND BE MAINTAINED
FY 75 FINAL AMOUNTS.
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